

German Railway Crossing are not the same as in the states.

Recently, two American citizens died in collisions with trains on railway crossings in Germany. The Deutsche Bahn (German Railway Corporation) request that U.S. citizens be informed about the particular forms of German railway crossing signs and the safety precautions to take.

Remember the rules for these three different styles of Railway

Crossings found in Germany.

Cross Buck



- 1. Railway crossing with a <u>Cross Buck</u> and a <u>steady light signal</u> (yellow and red light signal):
- No steady light signal: There is no train approaching, but stay alert!
- Yellow steady light signal: Train is approaching, stop and vacate the railway tracks immediately!
- Red steady light signal: Stop! The train is nearing.
- 2. Railway crossing with Cross Buck and a red blinking light:
- No blinking light signal: There is no train approaching, but stay alert!
- Red blinking light signal: Stop! The train is nearing.
- 3. Railway crossing with <u>Cross Buck / Barrier Gate and a steady or blinking light signal</u> (yellow or red light signal):
- No light signal: There is no train approaching, but stay alert!
- Yellow steady or blinking light signal: Train is approaching. Stop and vacate the railway tracks immediately!
- Red steady or blinking light signal: Stop. The train nearing and gates are coming down.

In some U.S. states, railway crossings have blinking lights regardless of whether there is a train approaching or not. This is <u>NOT</u> the case in Europe. Also, <u>NEVER</u> drive around a closed railway gate or attempt to out run the train. In Germany, light signals and closed gates at railway crossings <u>ALWAYS MEAN STOP</u>.

The USAG-D Safety Office wishes you a "Safe Crossing".

